

HMLA-167 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND RESPONSIBLE DRINKING POLICY STATEMENT



The Marine Corps program for SUBSTANCE ABUSE is governed by MCO 5300.17B:

Mission: Commanders are tasked with the implementation of the program established in this Order. Key program elements are prevention, timely identification, education and/or treatment, appropriate discipline, or other administrative actions followed by either restoration to full duty or separation, as appropriate.

Alcohol abuse and the distribution, possession, use, trafficking or distribution of illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia is contrary to the effective performance of Marines and to the Marine Corps mission, and will not be tolerated. Alcohol and drug offenses must and will be dealt with swiftly and effectively.

The wrongful use, possession, manufacture, distribution, or introduction onto a military installation, vessel, vehicle, or aircraft used by or under the control of the armed forces by any person subject to this Policy, of a controlled substance analogue or a designer drug is prohibited.

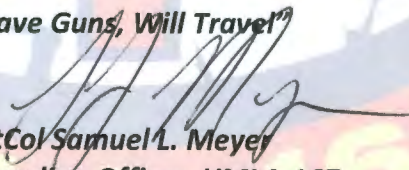
The wrongful use, possession, manufacture, distribution, or introduction onto a military installation, vessel, vehicle, or aircraft used by or under the control of the armed forces by any person subject to this Policy, of natural substances (e.g. fungi), chemicals (e.g. chemicals wrongfully used as inhalants), propellants, or prescribed or over-the-counter drugs or pharmaceutical compounds with the intent to induce intoxication, excitement, or stupefaction of their own central nervous system, or that of another, is prohibited.

Responsible Drinking: Alcohol consumption is completely permissible...when done so within the framework of the law (i.e. 21 years of age or older) and when done so responsibly. Below are a few examples of responsible alcohol consumption:

- Drink in moderation; binge drinking has short and long term negative health effects
- NEVER operate a motor vehicle under the influence of any amount of alcohol
- Appoint a designated driver; the designated driver should also serve as the responsible "voice" for the night. When the DD says you're done, you are done!

As always, be safe and look out for the Warrior to your left and right at all times.

"Have Guns, Will Travel"


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